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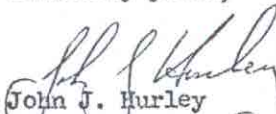
Dear Mr. Brown:

The Secretary has requested that we reply to your letter of December 15, 1969, since this office is responsible for the field operations of the Repatriation Program.

Lee Harvey Oswald was one of many persons returned to the United States under the auspices of the State Department who referred him to this office for help upon arrival in the United States. Referrals from the State Department usually provide only the information necessary for us to establish eligibility under the Repatriation Program and to determine what types of services or assistance may be required in this country.

Our record does not contain the background information referred to in your letter. Essentially the same background information as given in your letter appears in the New York Times of November 26, 1963, page 14, but is not attributed to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. This news story quotes the Travelers Aid Representative who met the boat as obtaining the information from Mr. Oswald.

Sincerely yours,

  
John J. Hurley  
Acting Commissioner